

ANDREW FJELD.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Andrew, the youngest child of Carl J. E. Fjeld and the only child of Anna Olson Fjeld who grew to maturity, was born in Lehi, May 30, 1866. He received his education in the public schools of the city, and as a means of earning a livelihood, learned the mason trade, at which he has labored most of the time.

As a young man, he took an active part in church work, occupying the positions of counselor to Michael Vaughan, president of the priests' quorum, and later holding the office of president of the quorum with Andrew Peterson and Walter Webb as counselors.

In the Y. M. M. I. A. he at various times held the office of treasurer, counselor to Abel John Evans, and president of the association. He was a teacher in the Sunday School for some time and on January 9, 1893, became a member of the first class to take the Sunday School course in the B.Y. University at Provo, which consisted of five weeks. The following year the course was extended to twenty weeks, when he was again called to attend the University. On his return he introduced the new ideas and methods into the Sunday School and was called November 18, 1894, to succeed William Yates as the superintendent of the school, with James Kirkham and Joseph S. Broadbent as assistants.

Being called to Australia on a mission, he was released from the Sunday School January 9, 1899, and set sail from San Francisco on the 26th of the month, landing in Sydney, Australia, February 19, 1899." He labored as traveling elder in the New South Wales Conference for thirteen months and as president of the Queensland Conference until November 28, 1900, when he was called by President Lorenzo Snow to preside over the Australian Mission. In this capacity he visited all the principal cities of Australia and Tasmania and was relieved by James Duckworth, who had come to preside over the mission, August 4, 1901.

He set sail from Sydney, Australia, on the steamship Ventura August 13, 1901, calling en route at Auckland, Pago Pago, and Honolulu, landing in San Francisco, where he was met by his wife and her father and mother September 3, 1901, arriving in Lehi on the thirteenth of the month.

He was ordained a president of seventy in the 68th quorum September 21, 1902, and on the 23rd of the following November was set apart as Second Counselor to Bishop Thomas R. Cutler. Upon the division of the Lehi Ward December 20, 1903, he was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the First Ward with Robert John Whipple and George Schow as counselors, which position he still holds. He was a member of the School Board for one term, is a member of the Lehi Pioneer Committee and one of the promoters of the History of Lehi.

On the 19th of February, 1890, he married Eliza Ann Broadbent, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Dixon Broadbent, born August 17, 1870. When family cares will permit, she delights in attending to church duties and for some years was an active Relief Society teacher. She is the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Virgil Andrew, Wilford Carl, Leona Sarah, Edna Amanda, June, Allan Edward, and Velma.